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Five Red Lodge High School students will soon become a part of the history of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail. The five are Nathan Bilyeu, Jordan Lay, Jeremy Hauge, Travis Noyes, and Mack Lawlor.

The young men answered a “casting call” a few weeks ago to participate in a living history recreation at Pompeys Pillar National Monument east of Billings. They dressed in period costume and were photographed re-enacting several scenes from Captain William Clark’s visit to the sight in 1806. The photographs will become part of the exhibit at the Bureau of Land Management’s new Pompeys Pillar interpretive center, currently under construction.

The interpretive center is scheduled to open in 2005. Thousands of visitors are expected to visit Pompeys Pillar in the next two years during the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. Clark wrote his signature on the sandstone bluff on July 25, 1806. It is the only in-place physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition still visible along the trail.

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